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that the brother had a UFO experience in the early 1950's. Apparently while walking down an alley near his parent's house (the one where the above experiences took place) as a boy, he observed a white object cross the sky at low altitude.

A bibliography of books and sources relevant to this article will be published in the next in the next issue of MUF0B.

## VISIONS OF THE NIGHT

One family's experience of strange phenomena

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The percipients of the remarkable series of events to be described are all members of one family living in the Manchester conurbation. The principle percipient is Miss Z, aged 21 at the time of our interview in 1973. Her mother and father are the other two percipients. The events were first brought to the attention of the present writers by Miss Z's brother, who through an interest in UFOs and allied phenomena, has been in correspondence with us for some time. We are confident that he has in no way colluded with his sister in the presentation of these events.

The interview took place in October 1973 in the family's terraced house in a suburb of a town near Manchester, where Miss Z and her parents live. The brother is married and lives elsewhere.

The major incident took place on the night of 4th-5th October, 1968. The following account is taken from a written statement which Miss Z made on her brother's suggestion, in December the following year.

On the night of the 5th the percipient retired to bed sometime after 2300 hrs. After being asleep for some time, she awoke "in the early hours of the morning", apparently awakened by a "strange feeling" (1) She looked around the bedroom, but could see nothing which would account for her feeling. She then heard "a high-pitched whirring sound". (2) She closed her eyes, and tried to get back to sleep, apparently successfully, and she was awakened a second time. This time she found herself paralysed, (3) and became worried about what was happening. After a few moments she again heard the whirring sound. Looking straight ahead she then saw three figures facing her. (4) She could see that they were wearing shiny silver suits. After seeing the figures she found that she could again move her body. Two of the figures moved towards her, and she saw that their faces were totally covered in lumps. (5) They had no recognisable eyes, or mouths or other recognisable human feature, although she thought that one of the lumps could have corresponded to a nose on a human face. After standing by her bed for a few more moments the figures turned round and walked to a 'craft' which Miss Z now saw in a corner of the room. She described this 'craft' as being 'circular'

or 'bell-shaped'. Her drawing showed a typical UFO shape. Steps led from an opening on the side of this object, which also appeared to be on some luminous silver material, to the floor. The two figures which had stood by her bed then walked up the steps with the third figure which had remained standing by the steps and disappeared into the object which then vanished. Miss Z then shouted for her mother, and told her what had happened. (6) She was unable to sleep for the rest of the night.

During the course of our interview with Miss Z and her family we were able to clarify and amplify a number of points made in her statement. Miss Z found obvious difficulty in describing the noise she had heard on awakening. She said she had subsequently heard it on a TV programme, but was unable to identify which one. The nearest she could describe it was the noise made by a "cheesecutter" toy, a cardboard disc which is wound round tightly on a string, then the string pulled out quickly, causing the disc to rotate rapidly, making a whirring noise.

The figures were of normal human height. Their 'faces' contained no well defined features, but were covered with rather shapeless lumps. Although there were no eyes, or mouth, etc. Miss Z felt that the shape and grouping of the lumps did indicate some sort of 'face'. The suits the figures were wearing were totally plain, and seemed to glow in the light from the object. Miss Z could not recollect seeing any arms or legs on the beings, (7) and seemed to be aware merely of a general humanoid shape. The 'craft' in the corner of the room appeared to be too big for the space which it occupied, although this fact did not occur to Miss Z until she was questioned about the size of the object. (8) Although the object was 'glowing' it did not appear to throw any light into the darkened bedroom - a commonly reported feature in paranormal events.

Miss Z also appeared to find difficulty in describing the way in which the creatures disappeared into the side of the craft. There did not appear to be any door or other visible aperture. The beings seemed to simply walk into the side, and disappear by getting smaller, as if walking down a long corridor, but much faster than normal. The whole object was then lost to view



by simply moving upwards, apparently through the ceiling of the room.

These events have not unnaturally had an effect on Miss Z (9) and she reports that since the experience she has occasionally felt uneasy when going to bed, and has kept the bedside light on all night. To date there has been no repetition of the experience.

At the time of the experience, Miss Z said she had a strong feeling that the creatures wanted her to come with them (10) but that she did not feel any 'compulsion'. (11) Since the experience she has had on a number of occasions what might be described as 'reverse out-of-the-body experiences', in which she seemed to play the part of the body left behind, with a vague feeling that some part of her was away from her, and travelling elsewhere. (12)

The second major incident occurred a few months before our interview took place, the date is not clear. It began in the same way as the previous incident, with Miss Z being awakened by a buzzing noise which became louder, died away, and returned, the percipient finding herself paralysed as she lay in bed. On this occasion the apparition to the form of the detached face of a young man. (13) She described him as of fairly normal appearance, with very blonde hair, and frowning with one eye. (14) He had a longish nose and rather large, but not abnormal, eyes. He appeared to be about 22-23 years old. His hair covered his ears but was not very long. The face remained for a few seconds then seemed to go "up and away" before vanishing like the picture on a TV screen (15)

During the interview a number of other remarkable perceptions were described by Miss Z. She has had a fairly typical precognitive dream in which she saw new furniture in her sisters house a few days before visiting it. Another incident occurred some years before. Miss Z woke up, in the same bedroom, and saw a glowing cross above her. It disappeared, leaving Miss Z with the impression that there was no roof on the room. The walls of the room were visible as normal, but the ceiling was replaced by a view of the starry sky. (16)

Other members of Miss Z's family have had strange experiences. Her mother experiences a repeating hypnogogic apparition in which, whilst lying awake in bed she is presented with a series of images of very, old wrinkled faces. She describes them as appearing 'like photographic slides' in series of about a half-dozen. One face appears, disappears, and is replaced by another. She describes them as the faces of people "very, very old, over a hundred years old.... The lips are moving as if they are trying to speak". Mrs Z reports no sense of fear at these apparitions, although she says that she does not like to see them. They are not accompanied by the noises and paralysis reported by her daughter, and give no warning of their imminence.

The principle percipients father has also had two very remarkable experiences, which may be hypnogogic. On both occasions these have occurred at the moment of waking up. On one occasion Mr Z saw a large number of tiny 'story book' dwarves with strange 'patchy' (17) faces running about the room, riding tiny horses. (18) On another occasion there were about a dozen figures, wearing 'glittery' silver suits. These were quite different from the figures described by his daughter, being normal looking human figures and the suits of a normal style, resembling 'glitter' suits worn by show-business personalities.

The father has also woken at night to find the apparition of his deceased mother in law standing over the bed. The apparition then vanished. Miss Z had also 'sensed' the apparition of her grandmother sitting on her favourite chair, but had attributed this to her imagination. We were also informed by Miss Z's brother that his grandmother had herself had an hallucinatory experience, involving the apparition of an Indian.

None of the percipients feel that the events described have any connection with the house or the locality, and there appear to be no significant local ghost stories, or other paranormal phenomena. The district is noted for UFO reports. None of the family report any strange feelings or unease about the house.

Miss Z's brother has also had a couple of curious experiences, the relationship of which to the main part of the story is problematical. In August/September 1968 he had written some letters to the national press on the subject of UFOs. In the latter part of September, the brother's milk-man was approached by a man, driving a large red or maroon car which was parked at the end of the street. The man (who had an "Irish" accent) made enquiries about Mr Z and his wife. The milk-man saw the car parked again in the same place about two weeks later but was not this time approached by the driver. The brother and his wife were somewhat disturbed by the incident and asked the milkman to keep a lookout for the car and take its number. However it was not seen again. There was no reason the brother could think of why any surreptitious enquiries should be made about him: he had not, for instance, applied for a loan, or been involved in a court case. (19)

One Sunday lunchtime in 1971 the brother answered his phone to overhear an apparently heated conversation between two women, in a language which he could not identify. After about 10 seconds the voices cut out. (20)

It is hardly possible in a condensed printed account to give the full flavour of the strangeness of such an incident. The main percipient clearly had great difficulty in describing parts of her experience. The question of the "location" of the object especially bothered her. It was clear from our questioning that no

physical object of that size could have been fitted into the room, yet the experience was totally vivid and "real" to her.

The incidents seem to have arisen at a time of family crisis: the death of Miss Z's grandmother and sometime later the partial incapacitation of her father from a cerebral hemorrhage. The relationship between these upsets and the development of the anomalous experience is not clear. It was also plain that her mother tended to interpret her own hypnogogic experiences in an spiritualistic framework: "They're very old people that come.... They're speaking to you.... They just come, I think in my way, to tell you something." But we must emphasise that no such interpretations were placed on their experiences by Miss Z or her father. Miss Z impressed us; fortunately one of us (PR) had a comparison between her sober account, and a hysterical description of a car chase across North Wales, given by a girl of similar age, at a Manchester UFO club only a week before. The contrast was striking.

Miss Z's experience appears to fall into the category of what Celia Green and Charles McCreery term a "Type 2 false-awakening". They describe this as follows:

"(It) is one in which the subject at first appears to wake up normally and find himself in bed. His surroundings may at first appear normal, but he soon becomes aware of something unusual or uncanny in the atmosphere. Alternately he may 'awake' immediately to a 'stressed and stormy' atmosphere. In either case the subject tends to experience feelings of suspense, excitement, or apprehension. He may experience 'hallucinatory', effects. If he attempts to move or get out of bed while in this state he tends to find himself in an ecstatic ('out-of-the-body') state. It is presumed that throughout a Type 2 false-awakening the subject is lying with eyes closed, and would appear asleep to an observer.

Clearly, there is little precise distinction between "Type 2 false-awakenings", and vivid hypnogogic experiences. These also seem to be related to various curious dream states such as ecstatic experiences.

Such experiences are collectively described as metachoric experiences - in which the subject's normal environment is completely replaced by a hallucinatory one, though this may be a near-exact duplicate of the 'real' one.

We feel that such accounts as we have presented above, help to elucidate the various problems encountered in 'UFO research'. They hardly make for comforting investigation, and do not fit many neat little theories. They have tended to be overlooked by 'serious' researchers. We again stress that we were lucky in encountering an unusually objective and level-headed percipient. Similar accounts couched in the language of the UFO and spiritualist subcultures would probably have tended to enter

wastepaper baskets. We hope that our presentation will help to remove some of the prejudice, and the aura of superstition, which surrounds such accounts. IF ANY READERS KNOW OF SIMILAR UNPUBLISHED MATERIAL, WE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Finally we are happy to say that the young lady concerned has now apparently escaped from her experiences. For that reason, and at the explicit request of the family, her name and address are not for publication. We are keeping a low-level watch on events, and will report developments, but at present we feel nothing would be achieved upsetting Miss Z with further probing. Researchers must realise that in cases like this, the welfare of the percipient is their major concern.

#### Commentary and Comparisons

1. A fairly typical feature of 'Type 2 false-awakenings'.
2. In the Woking 'bedroom invader' complex, (Awareness, Summer 1976) Master B (aged 4) was woken by an oscillating sound (middle C), and encountered a headless entity in his room. In the nocturnal paralysis case at Dragulgan in July 1971, the percipient heard a sort of whistling sound. These sounds seem fairly typical in UFO incidents and are also encountered in cases of ecstatic experiences.
3. For a discussion of paralysis in apparitional experiences, see McCreery and Green's Apparitions chapter 20. For a brief discussion of sleep paralysis in this context see Schwartz in FSR, 17:2, p6. Paralysis in a UFO context is too well known for much further comment.
4. The symbolism of the three beings will be well known to readers of Clark & Coleman's The Unidentified (see reviews). In Jung's depth psychology the coming of the three symbolises a manifestation of the unconscious. Very common in UFO lore. of. the 'three men in black'.
5. This feature gives a most unpleasant impression. The visitors apparently represent the undifferentiated 'faceless' contents of the unconscious. The being at Woking (Note 2) was described as headless. One part of a rather confused story told by a elderly lady at Little Lever, Lancs., involved a bedroom visitor in summer 1964, described as 5ft tall, humanoid but with no detectable features, in a suit made little round grey rings - similar to the features on the faces of Miss Z's beings. (NUFON News, June, 1976) Later the lady encountered 3 beings, and had a contact experience. Jerome Clark, in Beyond Condon, relates two cases of faceless monk-like entities. The 'snowman' in the Utah 'Badlands Case' was headless. (FSR: volume 16, no. 5, et seq.
6. It was not clear just what Miss Z told her mother. During the interview she indicated she had merely said that she had seen lights and faces. We assume that the figures were



- 'autisitis' to Miss Z, and that her mother, if she had arrived during the central experience would have seen her daughter apparently lying asleep. However, this might not have been the case, cases of collective metaohoric experiences are by no means unknown in the literature. (Green & McCreery, Tyrell, Bardens, op. cit., and for a very complex, possibly collective, "bedroom visitor" case see Fate (UK) Nov 1967.
7. A feature reported on several occasions in the literature. See Sohnharr in FSR, 17,2
8. The question of the size of the object was the greatest puzzle to Miss Z. On questioning it was clear there was no way an object the size of the 'craft' could have fitted in the room. Miss Z appreciated this when we questioned her, but kept repeating that it was real. It was also apparent that the 'craft' would not have been large enough to contain the 3 beings.
9. But not as great as one might expect. We spent some time trying to evaluate the degree of fear the percipient felt. She did not appear to be as terrified of this experience as she would have been if it had taken place in "daylight reality" - if the beings had just walked in through the door, for example. This lowering of emotional response seems to typify metaohoric experiences.
10. This is yet another symbolic feature, the triad asking the percipient to join them to form a quaternity. (See The Unidentified) The ghost asking the percipient to "follow him" is a stock feature of traditional ghost stories. Often the ghost leads the percipient to buried treasure. In this case we may speculate that if Miss Z had followed the triad, she would have entered an eosomatic experience. Cf the collective metaohoric experience of the miners, Fellin and Thorne, when under extreme sensory deprivation after being trapped in a pit collapse. In a complex of vivid hallucinations they reported a door opening in the rock and figures beckoning them to follow. (Steiger, Mysteries of Time and Space.)
11. Miss Z reported this was a feeling. She did not experience any sensation of "words in her head".
12. The exact nature of these experiences is not clear, nor is the tape at this point. Miss Z seemed to connect these feelings of de-personalisation with the beings' invitation to go with them. Her anxiety attacks also seem to be similarly occasioned.
13. Another common hypnogogic experience. Cf. the hallucination of a mask-like face, reported by Miss Elliot Bliss: "In the space where the clock would have been a face appeared... dead white like a mask but quite solid, and in the round.... features delicate eyes slightly slanted..." (COS-MOS; 1,2) Miss Bliss also appears to have had a number of lucid dreams and other metaohoric experiences. The experience of Mrs Carrier of Woodstock (Schwartz in FSR 19,1) was very similar to Miss Bliss's: "My mind blanked out.. in my mind's eye there was a stone image of a face. It was not grotesque, but it was so scary." A UFO researcher who used to live near me (PR) reported as a boy that he experienced the hypnogogic hallucination of a Chinese head in his room and refused to sleep there again. Some 20 years later his father slept in the room, and experienced an identical thing. Similar cases are known in the literature of parapsychology. Bardens reports a childhood hallucination of a jet black, but luminous skull.
14. This eye seemed to have a disturbing effect on Miss Z, but she was unable to pin down the reason.
15. While describing this experience, Miss Z seemed to imply that the room was somehow 'different'. She denied this on being questioned, but we got the impression that she was holding something back at this point.
16. What precise significance Miss Z attaches to this is not clear. She apparently at first thought that it had some religious connotation. It was described as a yellow cross, which rose up and disappeared. As far as we can gather this incident appears to have taken place at the time of the 'flying-cross' UFO wave of Autumn, 1967. The feature of the roofless room has some similarities to hybrid UFO-eosomatic experiences ("astral trips to UFOs") that one sometimes encounters in the literature.
17. Descriptions of gnarled and patchy faces (sometimes described as 'Warty') are common in the literature. In one of a series of premed metaohoric UFO experiences in Cincinnati in 1975/5, SR, aged 15, had a hypnogogic experience of an 'inhuman, oval-shaped head with oval eyes and wrinkled skin, that had no nose, and a slit for a mouth.... the creature seemed to relay a message that 'he' would come and take SR away. This, and a later UFO experience so disturbed the boy that he absconded from home, and was picked up by police at Atlanta airport. (Stringfield in Skylook January 1976.) The St Stanislas de Kostka occupant had toadlike skin. (Creighton in FSR, 15,3)
18. Clark & Coleman in The Unidentified quote the following from a letter by a Mrs Hardy to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The lady, who lived in a Maori district of New Zealand, was hanging out washing at dusk when she heard the sound of galloping: "I was aware of the galloping close behind me, and suddenly a little figure riding a tiny pony rode right under my uplifted arms. I looked around to see that I was surrounded by eight or ten tiny figures on tiny ponies like dwarf shetlands. (Their) faces were quite brown, also the ponies... They were like tiny dwarfs or children of about two. I called out. I think I must have frightened them, for at the sound of my voice they all rode (away). 19. This reminds one of the stories of the MIB etc. It should be noted that this happened before the present troubles in Ireland. 20. Similar to a number of telephone incidents.
- Since the above was written, we have learned

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## PART 9

AN INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUE OF TYPE I REPORTS  
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- 442 15 October 1954 Afternoon  
PO-DI-GNOCCA (ITALY) Farmers saw a disc-shaped object land then take off vertically. At the site was found a deep crater about 6m in diameter. Poplar trees were partially burned. An investigation was ordered by the military authorities. (M265; Paris-Presse, France Soir, 17 Oct 54; Michel II, 181)
- 443 15 October 1954 1950 hrs  
NIMES-COURBESSAC AIRFIELD (FRANCE)  
A yellow cigar-shaped object with brilliant portholes, 30m long, 6m diameter, was seen on the ground. Figures with helmets covering the head could be seen inside. A sort of haze was observed at both ends of the craft. (M266; Quincy)
- 444 15 October 1954 Night  
ISBERGUES (FRANCE) A steelworker observed a luminous sphere land in a field. It then emitted lights of various colours which were seen by numerous witnesses in nearby villages (M268; France-Soir, Paris-Presse, 21 Oct 54; Michel II, 181)
- 445 15 October 1954 Night  
FOUESNANT (FRANCE) Truck driver Rene le Viol saw a luminous red object shaped like an inverted plate fly very low towards the sea. A second identical craft followed shortly afterwards. (M269; France-Soir, Croix, 17 Oct 54; Michel II, 182)
- 446 15 October 1954 2350 hrs  
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA (ENGLAND) Miss Patricia Hennessey (23) was walking home just before midnight when, by the gates of Southchurch Hall Park, something caught her attention. In the road 5m away was a silvery object 3m long 4m high. It was cylindrical and domed and was emitting a pale shimmering light. There was a pipe "like a gas-mask tube" the thickness of a human body attached from the side to the bottom. This pipe was corrugated and gave off a brilliant glare. The witness fled in terror arriving home in an agitated condition. (M267; FSR 8,2; FSR 8,5; Michel II, 182; Humanoids 4; News Chronicle, 16 Oct 54; Southend Times, 20 Oct 54)
- 447 15 October 1954 (appx date)  
ALVITO (PORTUGAL) A hunter Manuel Madeira heard a noise that he thought was made by a large animal. Coming closer to see what it was he saw an object rise vertically from the ground at high speed. It was soon lost to

sight. M278; B9; BS; Diario de Noticias, 19 Oct 54)  
THE OCTOBER 17TH DATE IN 'M' AND 'B' IS INCORRECT. THE NEW DATE IS GIVEN IN THE BALLESTER-OLMOS MAY 1973 COMPUTER LIST

- 448 16 October 1954  
QUASSO (ITALY) Bus driver Mr De Rossi saw two objects, one of which made a pass at tree-top level. It was top-shaped, and a small gesticulating human figure was seen under it. (M270; Il Tempo, Giornale d'Italia, 17 Oct 54)
- 449 16 October 1954 (appx date)  
THIN LE MOUTIERS (FRANCE) An object landed about 30m away from a woman who fainted. She suffered from a skin disease following the incident. (M271; Challenge 53)
- 450 16 October 1954  
CIER DE RIVIERE (FRANCE) Guy Puyfourcat (22) coming back from the fields leading a mare by the bridle was surprised when the animal became restless. Rising from the side of the road a grey object about 1.5m diameter flew over them. The mare rose about 3m in the air and the witness had to release the bridle. Then the animal fell suddenly and for ten minutes was unable to move. At last it rose and attempted to walk but it was still trembling and stumbling with fear. The object had long since flown away at high speed. The witness himself felt absolutely nothing. (M272)
- 451 16 October 1954 1730 hrs  
MAZAYE (FRANCE) Mr Bachelard (42) was driving a light truck on road D52-E between Chanat and Couhay in clear, sunny weather when suddenly the engine began to slow down and he felt "paralysed". He then saw in a field near the road a brown object about 10m long and 2.5m high. It was silent, gave off no light nor showed any opening. (M273; Combat, La Croix 20 Oct 54; Michel II, 198)
- 452 16 October 1954 Nightfall  
BAILLOLET (FRANCE) Veterinary surgeon Dr Henri Robert driving through this village on Route N314 saw four objects at about 300m altitude flying slowly in echelon formation. Suddenly one of them dropped to the ground with a 'dead leaf' motion, 100m away. Robert felt an electric shock as the headlights and engine died and the car stopped as the object touched the ground. Incapable of moving, Dr Robert saw a figure about 1.2m tall moving in the light of the object, then all went dark. Sometime later the headlights resumed operating by themselves and Robert saw the craft skimming along the ground, taking off to the north. He was now able to move and start his car. (M274; Paris-Presse 19 Oct 54; Michel II, 185)
- 453 16 October 1954 2145 hrs  
DOMPIERRE (FRANCE) Messrs Deschamps and Laolotre saw a craft about 20m diam., 2m high come within 4m of the ground for 3 or 4 mins.



It gave off a yellowish light and a glow extended for 4m around. (M275)

454 16 October 1954 2400 hrs  
SIENA (ITALY) Several people saw a landed object in a meadow. It appeared phosphorescent and of large size. It took off very suddenly. (M276; Il Tempo, Il Messagerio, 16-17 Oct 54)

455 17 October 1954  
ST-CYR-SUB-MER (FRANCE) Leon B. a city councillor, saw a circular orange craft take off from the ground. (M277; Quincy)

456 17 October 1954 Approx. date  
TOULON (FRANCE) Toulon cafe owner Alph-  
onse Rapellini and his friend engineer Phill-  
ippe Ottoviani were motorcycling between Hyeres  
and Toulon when they encountered a disc-shaped  
machine with a domed top. From this craft emer-  
ged a man dressed in coveralls. On being asked  
if he was a Martian the stranger replied "No, I  
am French" and asked where he was. He then re-  
entered the craft which took off vertically at  
'fantastic' speed. (Wilkins; U 58, 246)  
THIS CASE, NOT IN THE MAGONIA CATALOGUE, MUST  
BE REGARDED AS HIGHLY DUBIOUS.

457 17 October 1954 1430 hrs  
CABASSON (FRANCE) A 65 year old man was  
hunting with his dog near the junction of the  
Brilliance Canal and the Durance River, when  
he saw a grey object about 4m long and 1m high  
on the ground 40m away. It had a dome from  
which two helmeted figures emerged. The witness  
fled but his dog started towards the object.  
The dog soon retreated, walking awkwardly as  
if paralysed. (M279)

458 17 October 1954 2030 hrs  
VARIGNY (FRANCE) Several motorists on  
Rt D-10 noticed a bright red luminous object  
motionless in the highest part of a field  
alongside the road. They called at the nearby  
cafe of Mr Beauclair, alerting him and crossing  
guard Mr Barret. After a few minutes Beauclair  
and his daughter Jeanne advanced towards the  
hemispherical machine, which rose up and ap-  
proached to within 20m then sent out beams of  
red and white light from its underside. The  
two retreated and after a few minutes the ob-  
ject took off at high speed. There were numer-  
ous other witnesses. (M280; Michel II, 188)

459 18 October 1954  
CISTERNES-LA-FORET (FRANCE) J Augard and  
J Chansotte saw an oval object with a dome,  
emitting a bright white light, resting in a  
field. When they approached it the object rose  
vertically leaving a reddish trail and flew to  
the northeast. (M282; Combat, Le Croix 20 Oct  
54; Michel II, 198)

460 18 October 1954  
PONT L'ABBE D'ARNOULT (FRANCE) Mr Meunier  
a construction supervisor was terrified by a  
strange craft which rose vertically from the  
ground. He said he had never been so afraid,

even during the war. (M283; Le Croix, Paris  
Presse, 20 Oct 54; Michel II, 196)

461 18 October 1954 2040 hrs  
FONTENAY-TORCY (FRANCE) Mr & Mrs Lhermin-  
ier saw a cigar-shaped red object dive towards  
them and land on the road. Upon reaching the  
top of a hill they were confronted by a bulky  
human figure about 1m tall. The creature wore  
a helmet and its eyes were glowing orange.  
Four other witnesses saw the object in flight  
from separate locations. The countryside was  
illuminated over 2 or 3 kms. (M284; Magonia 85)

462 18 October 1954 2100 hrs  
ROYAN (FRANCE) A number of motorists on  
Route N150 saw two discs in the sky, one  
orange and the other red with a sort of lum-  
inous 'bridge' between them. Mr & Mrs Labas-  
sere saw them land in a nearby field. One  
dwarf came out of each craft and entered the  
other without any sign. After this exchange  
of occupants both objects flew away with a  
tremendous flash. (M285; France-Soir, Paris-  
Presse, 21 Oct 54; Michel II, 193; Carrouges  
S 319)

463 18 October 1954 Night  
CAPE MASSULO (CAPRI, ITALY) An artist  
Raffaele Castello saw a disc 5m dia. land  
slowly on the property of Cursio Malaparte.  
Upon approaching it he discovered it was not  
an helicopter and saw four dwarfs wearing  
coveralls emerge from it. After about 30 mins.  
the beings re-entered the craft. The object  
made a soft whirring sound and rose vertically  
leaving blue sparks. (M281; France-Soir, Le  
Soir, Paris-Press, 20 Oct 54; Michel II, 188;  
Carrouges S 138; Peres 58; Pereria V, 196)

464 18 October 1954 2245 hrs  
LE VEZERNAY, ST-POINT LAKE (FRANCE)  
Miss Marie-Louise Bourriot (25) was motor-  
cycling on Route N437 when she saw a bright  
red light about 200m ahead. As she reached  
the former La Cascade mill she saw a man 1.5  
m tall in a dark coat standing on the foot-  
path. Beside him were two small black beings  
who crossed the road less than 10m in front of  
the witness. 3km further along she looked  
back to see a red oval object rising vertically  
above the village. (M286; Quincy; Michel II,  
197; LDLN 97; Magonia; FSRCH 1; Carrouges S  
138)

465 19 October 1954  
LIVORNO (ITALY) Bruno Senesi saw two  
shining objects emitting smoke land in a field  
Out of them came small, red, monstrous beings  
which chased him. In a state of great excit-  
ment Senesi was brought to hospital where he  
tried to hide under a bed screaming and trem-  
bling in terror. (M287; Il Tempo, Il Messagero,  
Momenta Sera, 20 Oct 54)

466 19 October 1954 1920 hrs  
GORIZIA (ITALY) Filippo Corridoni saw a  
half-inflated balloon at ground-level near the

Isonzo River. Near it a disc 10m in diameter  
was resting on a strange frame. The upper part  
was white with a black dome-like turret around  
which was a series of portholes, some illumi-  
nated with a very bright blueish-white light,  
which suddenly went out as the object took off  
spinning and rising vertically pulling the  
balloon with it. (M288; Il Messagero 21 Oct 54)

467 19 October 1954 2230 hrs  
FABRIANO (ITALY) Two men saw a disc shaped  
object 6m diameter hovering and emitting small  
violet flashes. On top of it was a very high  
antenna. Two small robotlike beings 1.2m tall  
descended from it on a long ladder. Their eyes  
were sharp and dark red. The said something  
th at sounded like "Dhano da skigay o dbano"  
went back aboard their craft and flew away.  
(M289; Il Messagero, 24 Oct 54)

468 20 October 1954  
ISSENHEIM (FRANCE) Lucien Fisohe saw an  
object land near Route N83. It was luminous.  
(M290; Quincy; Paris-Press 22 Oct 54)

469 20 October 1954 0230 hrs  
RAON L'ETAGE (FRANCE) Laslo Ujvari (40)  
was suddenly confronted by a man wearing a  
jacket and boots and cloth headgear (like a  
pilots) who pointed a gun at the witness and  
said something he couldn't understand. When  
Ujvari spoke to him in Russian the man an-  
swered in the same language, asking whether he  
was in Spain or Italy and how far he was from  
Germany. When he asked the time Ujvari said  
"2.30". The man took his watch and said "You  
lie, it's 4.00". Then he wanted to know how  
far and in what direction Marseilles lay. He  
made Ujvari walk along the road with him and  
they came close to a grey craft with an ante-  
nna on top. When he was about 200m away Ujvari  
heard a soft whistling sound and he saw the  
craft fly straight up then take an oblique  
trajectory. (M291; Carrouges 99; Magonia, 146)

470 20 October 1954 Early morning  
ST VALERY EN CAUX (FRANCE) Several un-  
known objects manoeuvred for 2hrs near this  
village. One was very brilliant & landed in a  
pasture. Two others were seen near a cliff in  
Mers and seemed to be in communication by light  
signals with objects in another group. Among  
the witnesses was Michele Vitkosusky. (M293;  
Paris-Press, 22 Oct 54; Carrouges S, 315)

471 20 October 1954 Early evening  
LUSIGNY FOREST (FRANCE) Lumber dealer  
Roger Reveille was walking along a woodland  
road when he heard a sound like "a flock of  
pigeons". He saw an oval object 6m long at tree-  
top level and felt intense heat from it. It took  
off vertically at great speed. In the woods the  
heat had become intolerable and dense smoke was  
forming under the rain. After 15mins the witness  
was able to approach the site and found trees,  
grass and ground quite dry. (M292; Quincy;  
Michel II, 204; Cramp, 153)

472 20 October 1954 1830 hrs  
TURQUENSTEIN (FRANCE) On Route N393, 800m  
from this village, Jean Schoubrenner (25) a  
truck-driver, saw a bright light in the dis-  
tance and soon found his road blocked by a  
strange object. When he was about 20m from it  
the engine died and he felt paralysed - "My  
hands were as though glued to the wheel". The  
craft looked like an inverted cone with the  
lower part phosphorescent and the top luminous  
with a yellow or orange point. As the car  
rolled forward the witness felt a sensation of  
increasing heat through his body. All these  
symptoms disappeared a few seconds later when  
the object flew away towards the north-west.  
(M294; France Soir 23 Oct 54; Michel II, 204;  
Cramp 152)

473 20 October 1954 1930 hrs  
BONNE-ESPERANCE (BELGIUM) Mr MB was re-  
turning home by bicycle when he saw an object  
with headlights at about 7-8m altitude. It  
gave off a humming sound. After some seconds  
it took off at great speed. The witness then  
noticed another craft about the field. After  
five minutes it took off like the first.  
(GESAG Section Liège; Jacques Bonabot)

474 October 20 1954 Night  
PARRAVICINO D'ERBA (ITALY) Renzo Pugina  
(37) had just put his car in the garage when  
he saw a strange being covered with a 'sooty'  
luminous suit, about 1.3m tall, standing near  
a tree. The creature aimed a beam from a sort  
of flashlight at him and he felt paralysed,  
until a movement he made when clenching his  
fist on the garage keys seemed to free him.  
He attacked the intruder who rose and fled  
with a soft whirring sound. An oily spot was  
found at the site. The witness suffered severe  
shock with high fever. There was an investiga-  
tion by police. (M295; Le Soir 25 Oct 54;  
Magonia 18)

475 21 October 1954  
PONS (FRANCE) An egg-shaped object about  
5.5m diam. hovered and landed near the road.  
Two dwarfs about 1.25m tall emerged from it,  
and went back inside almost immediately. The  
craft took off vertically leaving a red trail.  
(M296; France-Soir 22 Oct 54)

476 21 October 1954  
MELITO (ITALY) A young man walking in a  
field heard a rustling noise and saw a strange  
craft land nearby. Getting closer to investi-  
gate he saw a pilot with a 'diving suit' coming  
out of the craft, which emitted bronze-green  
rays of light, flooding the whole countryside.  
A dog barking 100m away caused the rapid es-  
cape of the pilot into the craft, which took  
off. (M297; Il Giornale d'Italia 22 Oct 54)

477 21 October 1954 1645 hrs  
RANTON nr STAFFORD (ENGLAND) Mrs Jessie  
Roostenberg (who had experienced "tingling  
sensations" since noon) and her two sons, Ron-  
ald (6) and Anthony (8) heard a loud hissing



sound outside. They went out thinking a jet aircraft was overhead. Instead they saw a brilliant aluminium coloured disc-shaped craft with a dome hovering low over the house. The craft was tilted and two men could be seen through transparent panels. The men had white skin, long hair to their shoulders and very high foreheads. They wore transparent helmets and turquoise-blue "ski-suits". The beings looked "sternly not in an unkind fashion, but almost sadly, compassionately" on the terror-stricken family. The machine flashed a purple-blue light then ascended silently and circled the house before moving off fast, leaving a vapour trail. It was observed moving over Wolverhampton by a number of people. The witnesses were shocked, Mrs Roestenberg suffered a facial rash, the two boys and her daughter Karin (2) developed behaviour problems. The family had other sightings and felt uneasy until they moved house. (M298; Gibbons Ch7 & 8 Humanoids 4; Lor II, 88)

478 21 October 1954 2000 hrs  
CRITEUIL-LA-MADELEINE (FRANCE) The car driven by a bricklayer, Mr Filloneau, stopped as a large ball of fire flew near it. A violent air displacement was felt. "The battery was dead and the headlights were burned out". Thorough police investigations failed to identify the cause of the phenomenon. (M299; France-Soir, Le Soir 24 Oct 54)

479 21 October 1954 2130 hrs  
POUZOU (FRANCE) A resident of Cherbonniers was driving from La Rochelle with his 3 year old son on Route IC20 when between Serifere and Paille, they suddenly felt painful pricklings similar to electric shocks and the child started crying. They felt increasing pain as the car went on, and suddenly the engine died and the lights went off. They were blinded by a strong red light which turned orange. It came from an object hovering above the road and everything returned to normal when it went away at high speed. (M300; L'Aurore 22 Oct 54; Michel II, 204)

480 23 October 1954  
ST-HILAIRE-DES-LOGES (FRANCE) Mrs Boeuf was coming out of her farmhouse when she saw a luminous disc in the sky and called her family. When everybody saw the object come closer they looked all the doors and spent a sleepless night. They did not observe the object's departure. (M301; France-Soir 26 Oct 54)

481 23 October 1954 0100 hrs  
SAN GIOVANNI VESUVIANO (ITALY) Two persons in a car saw an object resting by the side of the road. They stopped and walked towards the craft which was 2m in diam. It suddenly changed its clear light into a red glow and took off. (M302 Il Tempo, Il Messaggero 23 Oct 54)

482 23 October 1954 0300 hrs  
TRIOLI (LIBYA) An Italian farmer saw a

flying craft descend to ground level about 50m away with a sound like that of a compressor. It was an egg-shaped machine with six wheels and complex machinery. The top half was transparent and flooded with bright white light. Aboard were six men in yellowish coveralls, having human faces. When he touched part of the craft the witness felt a strong electric shock. One of the occupants motioned him to stay away. For the next 20 mins the witness was able to observe the six men apparently busy with instruments. The craft then rose silently to 50m then took off at "diszying" speed. Reliable investigations were made and the imprint of six wheels were clearly visible (M303; Magonia 151)

483 24 October 1954  
AIN-EL-TURCK (ALGERIA) A small man with strange glowing eyes was seen on the Mediterranean shore. (M304; Quinoy)  
484 24 October 1954 1730 hrs  
LES EGOTS (FRANCE) Near Ste. Catherine a child saw a man emerge from a strange craft. He was "dressed in red - his clothes looked like iron. He walked with his legs stiff and had long hair and hairy face. His eyes were large like those of the cows." (M305)

485 24 October 1954 2100 hrs  
BIOZAT (FRANCE) Between Biosat and Effiat on the road from Clermont to Vichy the engine of a motor scooter died as an egg-shaped object took off from the side of the road and rose without noise, leaving a bright trail behind. (M306)

486 25 October 1954 (Approx. date)  
PLEMET (FRANCE) A. Treussard and a friend were almost blinded by a luminous disc which landed in a pasture. (M307)

#### INTCAT NEWS

A revised French language version of the Catalogue is being published in UFO-INFO, the journal of GESAG-SPW (Leopold 1 Lane 141, B8000, Bruges, Belgium. Compiled jointly by GESAG's Jaques Bonabot, Rudy de Groot, and Peter Rogerson, with the assistance of several excellent correspondents. If you can read French, get in touch with GESAG at the above address.

A computerised index of the cases in the current British INTCAT is being prepared by Dr Willy Smith, of Williamsport, PA, assisted by Snr V-J Ballester Olmos. More details later. Copies of the computer print-outs will be sent to regular contributors to the Catalogue. Bone-fide researchers who want copies of the print-out, either global, national or regional, should write giving brief details of the use that they wish to make of the data.

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# Winged Creatures

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Winged entities are not uncommon in the UFO literature. Perhaps John Keel has done most to bring this phenomenon to our attention, particularly with the publication of his investigations into the activities of the enigmatic "Mothman". Pre-Mothman sightings are listed in Peter Rogerson's INTCAT. (1)(2)

More recently, we have a sighting report from Vietnam, where three US soldiers on duty saw: "What looked like wings, like a bat's only it was gigantic compared to what a regular bat would be..."

The witness who reported the incident, Earl Morrison, went on to describe the creature he saw:

"...it looked like a woman, a naked woman. She was black, her body was black, the wings black, everything was black. But it glowed." (3)

This account prompted another winged entity report (4). A Mr V K Arsenyev heard "the beating of wings. Something large and dark emerged from the fog and flew over the river." According to the account, this took place on July 11th, 1908, at the mouth of the River Gobilli.

In many ways the winged entity functions as an archetype. Several examples spring to mind. There is the famous vampire legend:

"The belief in vampires, or blood-sucking ghosts is a very ancient one and appears to have emanated from Eastern Europe. A vampire is believed to be the soul of a dead man, which leaves the body by night in the form of a bat, bird, or spider to suck the blood of the living, who slowly decline and die."

Bram Stoker's *Dracula* arose from these legends and later the film-makers cashed in, with a never ending series of blood-filled drama!

However there are many more legends connected with winged beings. Tribes of Central Australia believe the eaglehawk is a form of wizard and the Apaches claim there are spirits of divine origin in the eagle and other birds. And in many other ancient cultures, spirits assume the bird form in many of their adventures. Other cultures believe the demon of death assumed the form of a fly.

The winged being can also be the bringer of superior insight. Carl Jung had a vision of a figure he named 'Philemon'. He first appeared

to Jung in a dream, which he described thus: "There was a blue sky, like the sea, covered not by clouds, but by flat brown clods of earth. It looked as if the clouds were breaking up, and the blue water of the sea were becoming visible between them. But the water was the blue sky. Suddenly there appeared from the right a winged being sailing across the sky. I saw that it was an old man with the horns of a bull. He held a bunch of four keys, one of which he clutched as if he were about to open a lock. He had the wings of a kingfisher, with its characteristic colours."

Further on Jung states that:

"Philemon and other figures of my fantasies brought home to me the crucial insight that there are things in the psyche which I do not produce but which produce themselves and have their own life." (5)

In the UFO frame of reference we have the contact experience. Mollie Thompson has written about her own contact with an entity of great wisdom: "The contact was telepathic and the name Philemon was agreed upon because my human mind required this as a focal point." (6) Surprisingly we do not learn a great deal from this rather banal version of Philemon.

To Jung, Philemon was the bringer of superior insight, a type of messenger angel, who helped and guided him and possessed the key to the lock of life. For centuries man has dreamed of flight. The creatures that have this power be they birds or extensions of man's psyche, are regarded as superior beings who command our respect or fear. Unable to conquer something in reality, man tries to master it in imagination and in dream.

**NOTE:** The article by Jaques Vallee, Occupant Symbolism in Phoenecian Mythology, (FSR 19,1) is recommended as further reading. Three of the cylinder seals pictured there depict winged beings or priests with winged garments taking part in rituals connected with winged discs.

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# LETTERS

Dear Mr Rimmer,

Your editorial on the 'experimental hoax' interested me - as indeed did David Simpson's original article detailing SIUFOP's efforts in this direction at Warminster.

Let me say straight away that I have had several 'brushes' with David Simpson in the past and, human nature being what it is, were I to have been among the subjects of the Warminster hoax I doubt I would feel like taking a detached view! Nevertheless, I would take issue with your correspondent J Tomkinson, who seems to think that David is trying to prove that flying saucers do not exist. This he may well consider to be the case, but what he is trying to do is to expose the limitations and fallibilities of the investigator - an area in which he is well qualified.

However, to return to your editorial: whilst I would by no means rule out the ETH (can one rule out anything in ufology?), I would certainly agree that more attention should be paid to the social sciences, and the ways not only in which witnesses interpret and relate their experiences to the investigator, but also in which such experiences are in turn interpreted by the investigator and the media. In many cases it is not the veracity of a witness that should be called into question, but rather his or her capability of interpreting accurately just what the experience was.

Whilst I accept that manipulation by extra- (or ultra-) terrestrials is possible, or even likely, I have to admit I am continually amazed when the first reaction of a researcher after a hoax is uncovered seems to be to cry 'space hoax' and you rightly mention Scortton in this respect. My only reservation on the Alex Birch confession (also mentioned by you) is the rather mundane one that I do not understand how he managed to keep an unbroken piece of glass hidden from his parents for a period of over ten years!

Perhaps the best form of experimental hoaxing - though I doubt very much whether it could be ever achieved - would be through the medium of for investigators in which, say, two or three items could be included which were hoaxes of one form or another, and the investigator would have to uncover the 'clues'. However, there would very clearly be a dispute of considerable proportions as to who was best qualified to set the questions!

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NOTES,  
QUOTES, AND

## 2 queries

Our Canadian correspondent, Lawrence Fenwick, has recently been appointed a field investigator for Reptune Research Organisation. He has recently investigated a landing report, with physical traces, at Madoc, Ontario, about 130 miles (208 km) northeast of Toronto.

In Madoc, which is a small farming community, we discovered on four farms circular and semi circular areas on which the soil had either been removed to a depth of 8 inches, or in most cases the grass and corn had been pressed down. We had no reports from the residents of stampede of cattle or any other farm animals. Several rocks close to the circles had scratches several inches in length and evidence of calcification, as if a great deal of heat had been applied to them.

Only one resident, a Mr. Holmes, who lives between two of these farms and works in the city of Belleville, has reported seeing a UFO. He and his wife on three successive nights at 11.30 pm and the next night at 1.00 am in the first week of June 1976, saw a large red glowing object moving slowly across the area at about 100 feet above the ground. The 1.00 am object was slightly different in that they saw a large object with a red light on top, and a series of red and white flashing lights on the underside of the craft. He said he noticed that at the time of the sightings, there seemed to be a vacuum created in the area. All sounds of birds etc. stopped, & resumed only when the UFO was out of sight. The Canadian Forces Air Base was contacted by a reporter for the local Belleville newspaper The Intelligencer. The base spokesman said no aircraft, including helicopters, were in flight in the area on the nights in question. Since that time, flights have been made at night by the base chiefly for surveillance in connexion with the Olympic Games. The reports from that area ceased. On July 4th, 60 miles north of Toronto at Barrie two reports of UFOs were made. One of these was made by a Barrie Cable Television installer, who saw a UFO surface from the waters of Lake Simcoe. This was not the first time Lake Simcoe, a 25 by 20 mile wide lake, had been the site of a UFO case, but this was the first report of a UFO emerging rather than entering the lake.

Reptune investigators measured the diameter of the Madoc circles and found that they measured 21 to 39 feet in diameter. There was a total of sixteen circles.

Reptune Research has recently made a colour film of the entire area of farmland around Madoc, and nearby Cooper, Ontario. This was done by using aerial photography and 8mm film from approximately 500 feet altitude.

The address of the Reptune Research Organisation is: 11733, Sheppard Avenue East, West Hill, Ontario, Canada M1B 1G3. (M1B, is that really just a postal code?!!)

A new film, labeled 'science fact', is due for release in North America at Easter, 1977. It is entitled "Close encounters of the third kind", (although I can see that title being changed before release-Ed.) and is now being filmed by Columbia Pictures. It concerns some of the most famous contact cases and also the 'Bermuda Triangle'. The film has so far cost \$11.5 million, and is expected to cost even more when completed. The film's director and writer is Stephen Spielberg, director of the smash hit 'Jaws'. Technical advisor is Dr J. Allen Hynek. The film is being shot in the abandoned aircraft-hangers of Brookley Field in Mobile, Alabama. Its stars are Francoise Truffaut and Richard Dreyfuss. Also in the film is Merrill Connally, brother of former Texas Governor John Connally. Connally will portray an army officer in charge of Project Saucer in the 1940's

The film features a re-creation of a mountain and canyon near Munioie, Indiana. Truffaut plays a French UFO investigator (Aime Michel?) while Dreyfuss is a linesman for a telephone company who discovers cable missing from power lines when he investigates a failure at a plant in Ohio. During the course of the film, extra-terrestrials are seen on Earth, drinking Coca Cola! The location in Alabama is surrounded by security guards so no reporters can watch the filming. The set for the film is the most expensive ever constructed. It is claimed that the special effects will "make 2001 look like an amateur production." Spielberg the director spent three years researching for the film script. Reports say the film will "end on a positive, upbeat, historical note".

A new, American, commercial UFO magazine, "Official UFO", has been appearing in Britain for several months. Readers who are familiar with magazines like this, which appear in the wake of a flap will know that they usually consist of half-baked theorising, inaccurate rehashes of 'classic' cases, and highly dubious photographs. However, those who are not put off by pages of ads for horoscopes and patent medicines will find "Official UFO" a exception. MUFOB readers may find it very "nuts and bolts" oriented, but it does include details of some very interesting cases, and makes an attempt to sort out fact from fantasy. It is worth looking out for on the newsstands. (Price in UK, 45p)

# BOOKS

The wave of 1973 produced the expected crop of new additions to the range of UFO literature. However, much of this publishing activity coincided with the hiatus in the issue of MUFOB. In this extended review feature we take a look at some of the more noteworthy books published in that period, as well as more recent publications. Unless otherwise stated, all reviews are by Peter Rogerson. Most of the books reviewed here are available to British readers from the specialist bookshops mentioned on page 2, or by post from Lionel Bear or Susan Stebbing. Don't forget to mention MUFOB when ordering.

✓ WEBB, David T. 1973: Year of the Humanoids: An analysis of the Fall 1973 UFO/humanoid wave. Published by the author, 64 Jacqueline Road, No. 10 Waltham, Massachusetts, 02154, USA.

A valuable summary of 40 humanoid reports taken from the autumn 1973 wave. The catalogue gives brief annotations and very full references to sources - an important feature in such catalogues. There is also a detailed examination of correlations between abduction cases, and a statistical examination of humanoid cases from the catalogue of Ted Bloecher. An enhanced edition of this report is planned for publication by the Centre for UFO Studies which is recommended in advance for all serious UFO researchers.

✓ PHILLIPS, Ted (Comp.) Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings. Centre for UFO Studies, Evanston, Illinois, 1975

A catalogue of 561 cases of physical trace reports, arranged in similar fashion to the INTCAT cases in MUFOB, with appendices giving statistical analysis of the cases.

Unfortunately for a research work produced by such an ostensibly prestigious body as CUFOS this catalogue possesses a number of weaknesses. The references to many of the cases are much too imprecise. For instance, Case 252 17th December 1966, Gaffray, Indiana - the reference is given as "FSR", rather than "FSR volume 14, number 2". This makes cross checking extremely difficult.

INTCAT's US representative, Dick Heiden, has also reported that no elimination of errors



in quoted sources has been attempted and that several new errors have been introduced, some quite surprising. In Case 591, Roedepoort is described as being in England, instead of South Africa. The source of this case is given as "newsclippings". Several of the abstracts appear to be hastily constructed, and omit important information. We hope that many of these points will be rectified in subsequent editions of this catalogue, which is despite the above reservations, a valuable addition to the literature of the subject.

HYNEK, J Allen & VALLEE, Jacques. *The Edge of Reality: a progress report on UFOs* Regnery, 1975. \$5.95

This book consists mainly of a sort of Socratic dialogue between Hynek, Vallee and parapsychologist Arthur Hastings on the current 'state of the art' in UFO research. Several highly intriguing cases are discussed, including classics such as the Hills, Pasoagoula, Father Gill etc to illustrate the extremely complex nature of the 'UFO experience'. One highly interesting case involves a humanoid report in 1961, in which one of the witnesses allegedly shot at the humanoid, and suffered time lapses, MIB-style harassment, etc. The authors also make some pretty candid comments on amateur UFO groups. As these are reminiscent of those expressed by John Rimmer in his notorious 'Death and Life of British Ufology' article (MUFOB 3, no 3) they have produced the expected furore from outraged UFO groups. Unfortunately, Hynek's own 'Centre for UFO Studies' would seem to be little better than its rivals.

In the final chapters the usual hypotheses are discussed, and amateur ufologists will be pleased to learn that the scientific elite of UFO research are as puzzled as they are, and that the standard of speculation is at a typically ufological level. Conservative researchers who are specifically interested in "extra-terrestrial hardware" will be chagrined to find that Hynek and Vallee do not support them.

We recommend this book to those with a general interest in the UFO problem, and would like to understand why it is regarded as so complex. It should also be of considerable interest to researchers, and might stimulate some new areas of speculation.

VALLEE, Jacques. *The Invisible College*; (Dutton, 1975. \$8.95)

A new book by Jacques Vallee is always something of an event in ufological circles. In some ways though, Vallee's latest is rather a disappointment. Perhaps one reason for this is that in many respects it has been published two or three years too late. In his previous books Vallee has acted as a vanguard in this field. First, in directing the attention of

the scientific community; then in directing the ufological community to the 'folklore connection'. But now Vallee has been outpaced by even more radical speculations, and within the UFO research world his views seem less radical - indeed one hears similar suggestions in the most unlikely quarters!

The main purpose of *Invisible College* is to document 'ultra-high-strangeness' UFO experiences (including those involving parapsychology), and the influence of these experiences and the myths associated with them, on our culture. From this material he concludes that the UFO phenomenon in its totality is effecting a change in the basic myth structure of our culture. The absurd, paradoxical nature of both individual UFO experiences and the whole UFO mythology, effects a transformation in the consciousness of individual UFO percipients, and then into the general culture.

Vallee provides a wealth of interesting material on such topics as Geller, UMMO, "AFFA", and the cult, studied by Festinger, and others. Of special interest is Vallee's revelation that the 'Dr Armstrong' of this cult was none other than Puharich's guru 'Dr Vinod'. The apparitions of the Virgin, and the visions of Joseph Smith are among the other topics discussed.

This reviewer wishes that the first part of chapter six, dealing with the Assyrian cylinder seals, had been omitted. These are by no means mysterious or exceptional. The winged disc as a symbol of the vehicle of the solar or sky god and his attendants is common throughout the Mediterranean area. Also best omitted would be some of the more obvious historical gaffes, such as statements that the Bible was written by automatic writing, or that pre-Christian Rome was a citadel of rationalism.

It is fairly clear that Vallee is writing rather self-consciously for fellow scientists, and in that light *Invisible College* will serve a useful purpose. It may persuade otherwise cautious opinion to take an interest in (or at least not dismiss out of hand) the minefield of the New Ufology, as well as stimulate interest amongst the general public. Vallee, perhaps with this in mind, sits on the fence with regard to the nature of the UFO phenomenon. At times he suggests that it is primarily a psychological phenomenon, a regulating mechanism providing a source of psychological balance. At other times he insists on the 'technological' nature of the phenomenon. Vallee's *penchant* for Skinnerism probably also stems from the desire to keep his technological audience with him.

Despite these reservations, *Invisible College* is a valuable addition to the literature, and a useful source of material on the 'contactee syndrome'.

CLARKE, Jerome, and COLEMAN, Loren. *The Unidentified: Notes towards solving the UFO mystery*. Warner Books, \$1.50 (Paperback)

A brilliant, provocative analysis of the UFO problem in its relationship to folklore, parapsychology and mythology, in terms of Jungian symbolic depth psychology. Special emphasis is placed on close encounter, contactee, and abduction reports, and their symbolic meanings according to Jungian analysis. The authors conclude that the UFO myth is a safety valve, allowing a sense of the mystical and the wonderful to survive in a mechanistic culture. The authors warn that unless greater account is taken of non-rational aspects of the human personality, there is grave danger of our being swamped by a savage swing of the pendulum from extreme 'scientism' to extreme 'irrationalism'. What is needed is a good balance between the rational and the mystical in our outlook.

The authors approach the subject matter with a good deal of scholarship, and a pleasant restraint. The introductory chapter alerts readers to the complex nature of the UFO phenomenon, and provides depth analysis of two 1947 occupant cases - Higgins and Johannes. The second chapter explores "Fairylane - the magical impulse". The third provides a discussion of the correspondences between Christian mysticism (Joseph Smith; appearances of the Virgin, etc). The fourth chapter covers the 1897 airship; the fifth discusses the symbolism of the modern contactee and abduction myth, and the final chapter provides a summing up, and formulates two "Laws of Para-ufology".

The book is closed by an excellent bibliography - one of the best we have seen in UFO literature - and a high quality index. The publishers are to be congratulated on their sober presentation, especially the absence of sensational blurbs. This we can truthfully say is one of the most important contributions to the UFO literature yet produced. Essential for all serious researchers.

There is just one reservation I ought to mention: a brief introductory note giving some details of C G Jung's life and his contribution to psychology would be of great assistance to readers unfamiliar with Jungian psychology. Apart from this quibble, we will take the opportunity to thank the authors for their over-kind references to MUFOB. We are pleased that they find our small efforts of some use!

TRENCH, Brinsley Le Poer. *Secret of the Ages. UFOs from inside the Earth*. Panther 1976

The Hollow Earth Theory has the unique distinction of being the only 'UFO theory' which can be discarded without further comment. The same can be said for this outstandingly silly book.

GROSS, Loren. *The UFO Wave of 1896* (1974); *The Mystery of the Ghost Rockets* (1974); *Charles Fort, the Fortean Society, and UFOs* (1976). All published by the author at 38675 Paseo Padre No. 305, Fremont, Calif. 94536, USA.

These three small books are excellent examples of historical UFO research, and deserve wide circulation. *The UFO Wave of 1896* is a collection of newspaper articles with the author's commentary. *The Mystery of the Ghost-Rockets* provides a more detailed historical record of the subject. *Charles Fort...* not only gives a pocket biography of Fort and a history of the society, but a major survey of UFO reports from 1897 to the end of 1947, including the airship wave of the former year, and the great wave of 1947. This material is carefully put into historical context and the author is very aware of the influence of social and psychological factors on UFO reports.

Gross provides a new perspective on the 1897 wave with his revelation that an article in the *Salt Lake Tribune* for March 7 1897, contained a discussion on the Magonia legend under the title "A sea above the clouds - extraordinary superstition once prevalent in England". Clearly this story can be assumed to be the source of the Merkel, Texas report. Gross also provides a nice little 1897 fairytale. In general, he assumes the wave to be a media-generated myth. He also shows the effects of SF on the development of the modern UFO waves. For example, Shermans *Amazing Stories* story "The Green Man" contains all the elements of the contactee and auto stop reports of later years. There is considerable scope for further research here. All three booklets are highly recommended.

STANFORD, Ray. *Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry* (Blueapple Books, \$ 8.95)

Most readers will probably be aware of the 1964 Socorro landing case in which Lonnie Zamora, a policeman from New Mexico, claimed to have witnessed the brief touchdown of an egg-shaped UFO and the activities of two small humanoids. Contained in this book are detailed accounts of the sighting and subsequent investigations. We learn that Zamora was "extremely frightened and excited" by the sighting; indeed his first radio message was "incoherent". Nevertheless in the seconds available to him he managed to observe sufficient precise detail to place him in the Superman category.

Stanford's dramatic and inconsistent writings present "new facts" that simply do not stand up to cross-examination. Twelve extra witnesses become two names without addresses. Evidence of "highly radioactive" soil at the landing site turns out to be a rumour that photographs taken in the area shortly after the sighting were found to be fogged. (The author does not seem to be aware of other more obvious ways of fogging a film)



On one page we are told that certain landing marks were "...made by wedge-shaped units being forced by great weight, down into the well packed soil of the ravine." A few pages later it is ventured that "...the [other] group of soil indentations were shoeprints of the two small humanoid..." seen by Zamora. (My emphasis -DS) Several people had visited the site and walked over it by this time. Of the first marks we are told "They did not appear to have been made by an object striking the earth with great force, but by an object of considerable weight settling to earth at slow speed and not moving after touching the ground." Also "...the impressions, as described by all who saw them when fresh, were of a type that could not have been dug in to the soil. They were obviously pressed in from above." A lot of words are wasted on this point because a visual inspection of the marks simply could not lead to such a definite conclusion.

Looking for mysteries, Stanford finds them at every opportunity, usually in the form of government or military cover-up operations. When Zamora completely changed his description of the insignia he saw on the side of the UFO, it was immediately assumed that the military had suppressed the truth by persuading him to describe a different symbol. At one stage Zamora supplied an investigator with details of the UFO's approach path, (details he did not know, accor-

ding to his earlier testimony) and Stanford suggests quickly that he must have acquired this new knowledge from a secret source. The idea that Zamora's imagination got the better of him does not seem to have been considered.

I do not think it is possible to formulate a single simple theory to counter the contents of this book, but the fundamental weakness of Stanford's investigation lies in his overwhelming desire to believe in complex UFO-officialdom conspiracies. Very plausible, but mundane interpretations of data are not discussed and information is presented with unrealistic precision. A reconstruction of the UFO sighting is, for example, timed to the nearest second! Unrecorded conversations, some over the telephone made twelve years ago, are now transcribed to the last 'uh', comma, and tonal inflection. As a result we are asked to believe that Dr Henry Frankel, a high ranking NASA metallurgist, uttered the naively absurd statement: "I am virtually certain that the alloy involved here [found at the landing site] is not manufactured anywhere on Earth."

Ray Stanford's unscientific and painfully naive investigation of the Socorro case has resulted in a largely fictional end-product. It is not without significance that Dr J Allen Hynek has endorsed this book with a glowing reference.

- David Simpson

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